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Shells Have Been Falling on  
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Monday

German General Headquarters, Aug. 9.—Since Monday the famous old French city of Peronne has been under French artillery fire, resulting in a great conflagration which threatens to wipe it out. Already a fine collection of paintings has been destroyed by shells which landed in the city hall. The shells have destroyed unreplaceable collections of medieval Germanic silver. The houses in the streets have been reduced to ashes.

GERMANS ATTACKING  
ON SOMME FRONT.  
WERE REPULSED

But They Made Further Progress in  
Thiaumont Work on Verdun Front,  
Although French Are Holding  
Outskirts—Latter Gain  
at Fleury.

Paris, Aug. 9.—The Germans made violent attacks last night on positions taken by the French north of Hem wood on the Somme front during the last two days. The official statement says that these attacks were frustrated.

The fighting continued on the Verdun front. Heavy fighting continued during the night for possession of Thiaumont work. The Germans gained further footing but the French held the outskirts of the work. In Fleury the French made some progress.

GERMANY TO SEIZE  
RED CROSS STUFF

Decides on Such Action, Ostensibly Ow-  
ing to British Treatment of Red  
Cross Supplies.

Amsterdam, Aug. 9.—The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung of Berlin publishes a memorandum issued by the German government which states that owing to the British treatment of the Red Cross supplies Germany will no longer allow free passage for such supplies but will take such articles for her own use when they come within her reach.

23 PEOPLE DEAD  
IN GREAT RAID  
OVER ENGLAND

At Several Places Anti-Aircraft Guns  
Were Effective in Driving off the  
Zeppelins, Says the British  
Official Statement.

London, Aug. 9.—German airships have raided the east coast of England and the southeast coast of Scotland. According to the first official statement, three women and a child were killed and 14 were injured. A several places the airships were engaged by the anti-aircraft guns and driven off their objectives.

A later statement says that 23 deaths were caused by the raid.

AUSTRIANS QUIT  
ON ISONZO FRONT

Pursued by Italian Cavalry, They Have  
Abandoned All Principal Positions,  
Says Paris Despatch.

London, Aug. 9.—The Austrians, pursued by the Italian cavalry, have abandoned all the principal positions on the Isonzo-Carso front, says a Rome wireless despatch.

## AUSTRIA ON RETREAT

Has Fallen Back Before the Italians and  
the Russians.

London, Aug. 9.—The Russians are continuing to drive their wedge westward into east Galicia in the region about Stanislau. Here they have taken some half dozen additional towns and villages from the Austro-Germans and, according to Petrograd, are continuing to develop their advantage. In all, says Petrograd, territory aggregating 61½ square miles has been captured by the Russians, and the pursuit of the Austro-Germans is still going on.

Nizhni, about 15 miles northeast of Stanislau; Tiumacz, 18 miles to the east; Otynia, 15 miles southeast, and Nadworna, 20 miles to the south, are among the latest towns occupied by the Russians. Vienna admits that the Austrians have withdrawn to the region west of Tiumacz in the face of superior forces.

The Gorizia bridgehead, the key to an advance to Trieste and over which the Austrians and Italians have fought many notable battles, has at least fallen into the hands of the Italians, and the city of Gorizia is being shelled by them in an endeavor to drive out its defenders. The taking of the bridgehead came with the capture of Monte Sabotino and Monte San Michele. In the fighting the Italians took more than 2,000 prisoners and a large number of guns, machine guns and a quantity of war material.

Vienna admits that the Austrian troops defending the bridgehead were withdrawn to the eastern Isonzo in order to avoid severe losses to them, but necessary foodstuffs.

## RUSSIANS TAKE TOWN

Have Occupied Tysmenitzia in Galicia,  
Says Petrograd Report.

Petrograd, Aug. 9.—The Russians have occupied Tysmenitzia, in Galicia, the war office announces.

## BRITISH NEAR BAPAUME

British War Office Announce Advance  
North of Pozieres.

London, Aug. 9.—A further advance by the British on the Somme front north of Pozieres has been announced by the war office.

## TURKS ARE WINNING

Have Captured Two Towns in Armenia  
from Russians.

Constantinople, Aug. 9.—Turkish troops have captured from the Russians the Armenian towns of Bitlis and Mush, the Turkish announcement states.

WHEAT PRICES  
SHOOT UPWARD

Sensational Fluctuation Marked Transac-  
tions on the Market in Chicago,  
Prices Varying Three Cents  
at Same Instant.

Chicago, Aug. 9.—The wheat prices shot upwards eight cents a bushel to-day at the opening of the wheat market. The sensational crop damage, confirmed by the government report, was the cause of the advance. So much excitement ruled in the pit that transactions in many cases were three cents apart. At the same instant, December wheat varied from \$1.42 to \$1.45.

## SEEK MISSING FARMHAND

To Determine If He Knows of Miss Pack-  
ard's Death.

Brookton, Mass., Aug. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. John D. Packard of 142 Belmont street, parents of Miss Evelyn E. Packard, the young woman whose body was found Saturday morning in Town river, West Bridgewater, are not satisfied with the theory that their daughter was accidentally drowned. Constable Henry O. Davenport of West Bridgewater is also skeptical regarding the manner in which the girl met her death, and has started an investigation of his own.

He states that he is particularly anxious to learn the whereabouts of a West Bridgewater farmhand who has been missing since Wednesday of last week, the day on which Miss Packard hired the canoe and started down the river. Information has come to Constable Davenport that this farmhand was in the vicinity of "The Camps," where Miss Packard was last seen, on the day in question. He was employed near the place where the body of Miss Packard was found.

"When I saw that both of the girl's eyes were black," said Constable Davenport, "I immediately suspected foul play. I helped pull the body from the water. I would have started a search for the missing farmhand then but for the medical examiner's report, which was 'accidental drowning.' I had been a little nervous about this farmhand before the body was found. I would like to know where he is now. He hasn't shown up since Wednesday."

Miss Packard was an expert swimmer, and her friends are not inclined to think even though she might have fallen into the river, that she would be unable to help herself out. She was strong and athletic. The spot where she is thought to have been drowned is lonely and desolate.

## WAS CHAINED IN CELLAR

Story Told by Youth in Court at Brock-  
ton, Mass.

Brockton, Mass., Aug. 9.—How he used to be chained in the cellar of his home at 56 Perkins street by his father was told in the juvenile court yesterday by nine-year-old James Periso.

He said that his father used to chain him there in order to punish him for different offenses. The trials frightened him and on Saturday he broke his bonds and escaped. He slept in Salisbury park under benches Saturday and Sunday nights and on Monday night he climbed into the storehouse of ex-representative Orris F. Kinney, wholesale produce dealer, and tried to sleep in some burlap, when the officers found him.

Judge King admonished the father to adopt a more humane method of punishment in the future, and then placed the boy on probation for two months.

## EXPECT THE BREMEN

New London People Interested Because  
Storage Shed Is Being Built.

New London, Aug. 9.—Interest excited by the reports that the Bremen was to put in here were intensified to-day when it was learned that a storage shed is to be erected on the pier.

## RAILROAD FOUNDER DEAD.

A. A. Stickney Founded Chicago and  
Great Western.

St. Paul, Aug. 9.—A. A. Stickney, founder of the Chicago & Great Western railroad, is dead after a four weeks' illness.

On what will be known as California day, early this month, that state will undertake to supply sufficient food for feeding the entire population of Belgium and northern France for the next year, carry out the idea it will be necessary to raise \$70,000,000, with which to purchase the

TWO ACCEPT  
MEXICO JOB

Secretary Lane and Justice  
Brandeis Will Be the  
Mediators

THIRD MEMBER  
NOT YET AGREED

Will Undertake Settlement  
of Mexican Border  
Difficulties

Washington, D. C., Aug. 9.—Secretary Lane of the department of the interior and Associate Justice Brandeis of the United States supreme court have been selected as two of the three American members of the joint commission which will undertake a settlement of the Mexican border difficulties. The name of the third member will be made public later. Announcement was made at the White House this morning that the three members of the joint commission had been selected. President Wilson having asked them to serve, and that the names would be made public as soon as the replies were received. The announcement of the names of Lane and Brandeis was soon made.

## ASSAILED ADMINISTRATION.

Charles E. Hughes' Speech in Chicago  
Bristled with Epigrams.

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Charles E. Hughes last night told an audience that crowded Chicago's great Coliseum—the hall where he was nominated for the presidency—that he would do if elected president of the United States. Mr. Hughes charged the present administration with waste, extravagance and vacillation. He declared that it had not kept the country out of war, but that it had fought an ignominious war in Mexico and had withdrawn from that war ignominiously. He charged the administration with having brought the country much nearer to participation in the European war than the country would have been had the administration stood for American rights.

He declared that it was no more possible to expect tariff protection to American industries from a Democratic Congress than it would be to get a revival sermon out of a disorderly house.

The nominee assailed the administration for its appointments to office and declared that if elected, he would appoint to office only men well qualified. Democratic expenditures for rivers and harbors were attacked by the nominee.

"I propose that we shall stop this pork business," he said. "I propose that we shall have government in a businesslike way. We won't have any more, if I can stop it, of these 'Kiss me and I'll kiss you' appropriations in Congress."

The nominee said he stood for a "businesslike responsible budget." "I do not want any hot air in mine," he added.

The Democratic party, Mr. Hughes said, was approaching the idea of a tariff like a skittish horse to a brass band. In 1912, he added, the Democratic platform had said in effect that a protective tariff was unconstitutional.

"They say in effect now that the European war changed the constitution of the United States," he continued. "But do you think they are converted? Don't trust them a little minute with protecting American industry. They haven't got it in their bones."

Mr. Hughes reiterated much of his Detroit speech regarding the administration's Mexican policy.

"It had no right," he said, "to commit this country to a course of conduct which landed Mexico in anarchy, left our citizens a prey to the ravages of bandits and made our name a word of contempt in a sister republic."

"We have gone forward," the nominee said in speaking of the administration's Mexican policy, "with a determination to be destructive, not constructive, to destroy all they had."

As to the administration's foreign policy, Mr. Hughes said:

"We have allowed our words to be eaten up by hesitation, by delay. We have somehow or other convinced the world that our talk is cheap."

"I propose that we have a new birth of American purpose and courage. We have no occasion to fear war in the attainment of those rights, which all recognize and respect us for maintaining. If we are glib in speech, if we indicate that we are not ready to meet our word, amply, we are pushed a little further and a little further, until some fine day events occur which cause an implacable resentment from one end of the country to the other."

"This administration has come nearer to landing us in war by its weakness than it would ever have come had it stood faithfully for American rights, and had let it be known that they would be defended."

## GIRL MAY LOSE EYE.

Was Struck By Piece of Saw Blade at  
Stowe.

Stowe, Aug. 9.—Lena Lander, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Raymond, was hit in the eye yesterday by a piece of sawblade thrown by a child with whom she was playing. She was taken to the Mary Fletcher hospital by Dr. H. W. Barrows. It is feared that she will lose the sight of the eye and possibly the eye itself.

## SHIPPING BILL DISCUSSED

Passage of Administration Measure by  
Senate Assured.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The administration shipping bill has been taken up for general debate by the Senate. Its ultimate passage is virtually assured, although the Republicans are opposed to it.

## PROMINENT WATERBURY MAN.

Richard N. Demeritt Was President of  
Big Packing Co.

Westbury, Aug. 9.—Richard N. Demeritt, one of Waterbury's best known citizens and business men, being president of the Demeritt Packing Co., died last night at the age of 45 years. The funeral will be held from his late home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Richard Newell Demeritt was born in Waterbury Center Dec. 6, 1870, the son of Albert and Laura (Smith) Demeritt. He spent his early life on the farm and was educated in the common schools and later at Green Mountain seminary at the Center. When a young man he went to Rutland and was employed as a traveling salesman by his uncle, Henry Howe, for some time. Later he went to Plattsburg, N. Y., and entered business for himself, although being on the road most of the time. That business was the baker's and confectioner's. Ten years ago he sold out his business in Plattsburg and returned to his native town when he bought an interest in the Demeritt & Palmer Packing Co., which later was made into a stock company, of which Mr. Demeritt became president. That business has been greatly enlarged in recent years, having bought the Huntley lumber mills and having built a canning factory at Randolph, besides branching out in food wood novelties.

Mr. Demeritt represented Waterbury in the legislature in 1912, being a member of the committee on railroads and the insane. He was a Mason, being a member of Winoski lodge of this place, of the Chapter, of the Knights Templar and of Oriental temple of the Shrine at Troy, N. Y. He also belonged to the United Commercial Travelers' association. He was prominent in the Methodist church, of which denomination he was a member.

Mr. Demeritt was twice married. His first wife was Lizzie D. Stearns of Waterbury. They were married in 1875 and she died in 1893. Three of their four children are still living, they being Homer of Rutland, Henry and Roy Stearns Demeritt of Waterbury. In 1896 he married Jessie D. Law of Canada, and she survives him, together with one of their two children, Laura, who resides at home. He also leaves his step-mother, Mrs. Fidelia Demeritt, who lives with his half-sister, Mrs. Alice Rogers, at Hanover, N. H.; one own brother, Alvin Demeritt of Johnson; and two half-brothers, Charles Demeritt of Burlington, and William Demeritt, who resides in Kansas.

## CO. H ROSTER

Complete List with Home Residences of  
Those at Eagle Pass.

The complete roster of Co. H, first Vermont infantry, now at Eagle Pass, Tex., has been furnished. The names by Captain C. N. Barker. The names of the men and their homes are as follows: J. Edward Coghlan, captain, Montpelier; Raymond W. Paine, first lieutenant, Montpelier; Clarence J. LePage, second lieutenant, Barre; E. D. Willard, first sergeant, Montpelier; Archie McDonald, sergeant, Barre; William H. Canning, sergeant, Montpelier; Edward F. Buley, sergeant, Montpelier; Leslie E. Young, corporal, Barre; Perley G. Wells, corporal (since sergeant), Montpelier; Raymond W. Paine, corporal, South Barre; Robert E. Glennie, corporal, Montpelier; William J. Gauld, corporal, Montpelier; Harold G. Barnes, corporal, Montpelier; John McDonald, corporal, Barre; John W. Johnson, art., Montpelier; James S. Wood, cook, Montpelier; Olen E. Russell, mus., Montpelier; Frank J. Simon, mus., Quincy, Mass.

Privates: Arthur G. Adams, Montpelier; Ruel H. Baldwin, Montpelier; Henry J. Badger, Barre; William H. Benway, Montpelier; Edward J. Benway, Montpelier; Raymond W. Paine, Montpelier; William C. Blanchard, Montpelier; John J. Blight, Barre; Raleigh H. Bolio, Montpelier; Charles J. Cadett, Montpelier; Reigh W. Carpenter, Canaan, N. H.; William A. Carroll, Barre; Ino C. Daniels, Montpelier; Marshall G. Dennis, Montpelier; Myron E. Davison, Barre; Merl F. Denmore, Montpelier; Alfred G. Edwards (since corporal), Barre; Orville A. Fordham, Montpelier; Samuel V. Francis, Middlesex; Henry O. Galais, Montpelier; Harold J. Griffith, Westminster; William R. Greenwood, South Barre; James A. Glennie, Montpelier; Harry E. Hathaway, Montpelier; Raymond Hathaway, Montpelier; L. E. Hoffman, South Barre; Charles E. Hurdle, Montpelier; Andrew V. Jackson, Montpelier; Joseph P. Jangraw, Montpelier; Walter G. Knutson, Barre; Ralph A. Jawless, Barre; Amey O. Lord, West Berlin; Charles F. Lober, Montpelier; Arthur F. Lombard, Montpelier; John M. Lucia, Barre; Edward M. Lynch, Montpelier; Merton M. Martin, Montpelier; Harrison L. Martin, Barre; Henry W. Parker, Montpelier; Kenneth W. Pierce, Montpelier; Philip D. Parizo, Montpelier; Lucius J. Provenche, Barre; Armand Pinard, Montpelier; Thomas B. Sibley, Barre; George Stone, Barre; Wilfred E. Theriault, Barre; Frank Tomassi, Montpelier; Joseph G. Vega, Berlin; Clyde W. Vincent, Montpelier; Walden H. Wright, Burlington.

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ARRANGING TO CARE  
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Gov. Charles W. Gates Named as Chair-  
man and Prof. M. R. Roberts of  
Northfield as Secretary of  
Executive Committee.

Representatives of the towns and cities in the state which have sent out militia companies for service in Texas met yesterday afternoon at the State House and organized by selecting Gov. C. W. Gates as chairman and Prof. M. R. Roberts of Norwich university secretary of an executive committee. The other members of the committee, which will have charge of caring for the dependents of the soldiers now in government service, are Edward Deschamps of St. Albans, Senator H. C. Cady of Northfield, and Col. John Piddock of Bellows Falls.

The committee named by the governor has been assigned to investigate cases in the towns which they represent, as individuals, and report back the needs to the executive committee at a meeting to be held in this city some time next week. By this method it will be possible to estimate the amount of money needed to carry on the relief work until the guardsmen return to Vermont. The next legislature will no doubt appropriate a sum sufficient to reimburse whoever furnishes the funds needed at the present time.

Those present yesterday were as follows: A. G. Eaton of Montpelier, Frank Wilson of Rutland, Guy P. Benton, president of the University of Vermont; C. L. Smith of Burlington, M. D. Walker of Brattleboro, George Leland of Springfield, Frank Brooks of St. Johnsbury, Edward Deschamps of St. Albans, Col. John F. Piddock of Bellows Falls, H. C. Cady of Northfield and Judge Henry Conlin of Winoski.

## TO GIVE ROUSING SEND-OFF.

Barre Board of Trade to Escort Granite  
Men to Train Saturday.

The directors of the Barre Board of Trade realize that a large amount of energy and push, together with systematic advertising, is annually contributed to the granite industry of Barre, through the efforts and accomplishments of the Barre granite manufacturers and quarry owners in their endeavors to make and keep Barre granite the first and leading commodity used in artistic cemetery memorials.

A group of these Barre people are to leave on Saturday of this week for Cleveland, Ohio, to attend the national retail monument dealers' annual convention. It is the intention and purpose of these Barre people to make the Cleveland convention not only a source of personal pleasure, but an advertisement and business boost for Barre granite. To this end, they have made extensive and elaborate preparations, and all Barre wishes them success.

As a courtesy and partial recognition of these continued efforts, the directors of the Board of Trade voted to request every member of their organization to meet in front of Reynolds & Son's store Saturday, Aug. 12, at 5:25 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of escorting the conventionists to the railroad station. A short talk will be given at the